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Old Civilian Airfield

1. The old civilian airfield at Kosice is located about 2.5 kilometers south of the Kosice railroad station between the three-track railroad line which splits up south of Kosice into branches leading to Chop (Cop), to the Hungarian border and to Moldava and the highway from Kosice to the Hungarian border by way of the town of Barca.
2. The field is about 400 x 1,000 meters in size. It is used for pre-military training by the Kosice Aero-Club and by about three commercial flights per week which land and take off at this field.
3. The old civilian airfield has no concrete runways. The commercial airline has a small group of service personnel at the field and there is also a guard unit of about 40 men.
4. The installations at the old airfield were completely destroyed during World War II and have only been partially restored. The one-story building housing the administration is located at the northwest corner of the field. Technical and guard personnel also live in this building. Farther to the east at the north end of the field are two hangars, one of which is still half destroyed. The undamaged hangar, the middle building of the three, contains a few training aircraft and an extra commercial passenger plane.
5. The northern part of the field is surrounded by a barbed wire fence 1.5 m. high.

New Military Airfield

6. The new military airfield was built during 1951 and 1952 for the Czechoslovak Air Force. It is about 5 km. south-southwest of the Kosice railroad station and 500 m. west of the town of Barca.

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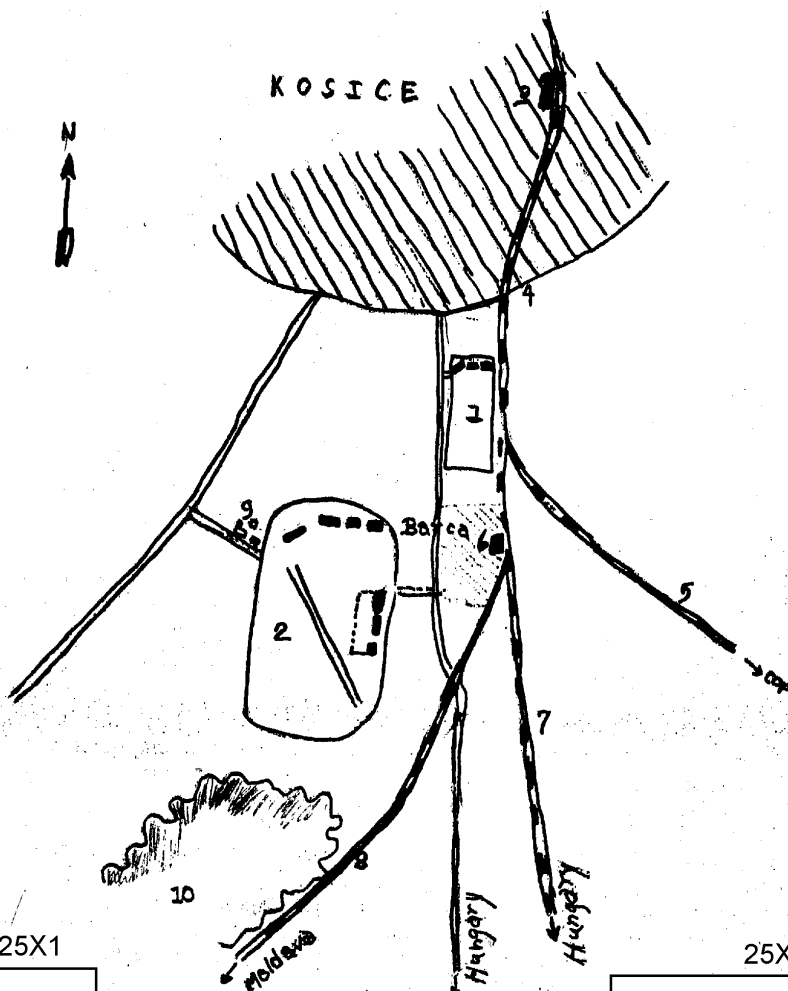
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7. This field is about 1,000 x 2,200 m. in size and is surrounded by a barbed wire fence 2.2 m. high. The runway is about 1,200 m. long and 50 m. wide and runs northwest-southeast.
  8. The main entrance to the airfield is at the northwest corner, near a farmhouse. There is a secondary entrance opposite this one.
  9. The administration building of the airfield is located near the main entrance. It is a one-story building and seems to house all the technical equipment of the field.
  10. Farther to the north are three one-story, flat-roofed buildings which are used as living quarters.
  11. There are two new hangars and a repair shop on the east side of the field and there is a concrete apron 60 meters wide in front of these buildings.
  12. An Air Force unit takes care of technical and guard duties at the field.
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13. There are from 12 to 15 bi-motored aircraft stationed at the military airfield; they are said to be all of Soviet types and to have been all built in the USSR. Training flights are made almost every day with these aircraft.



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Legend to Sketch of Airfields at Kosice

1. Old civilian airfield
2. New military airfield
3. Kosice railroad station
4. Kosice-Predmestie railroad station
5. Double-track main railroad line from Kosice to Chop (Cep)
6. Barca railroad station
7. Single-track railroad line to the Hungarian border
8. Single-track railroad line to Moldava
9. Farmhouse
10. Woods

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